

1870-1871 1912 Dates J-BK
Franco-Prussian War

France vs Prussia

France desired to have the Rhine as the western boundary of Germany. France was jealous of German growth because of the Austro-Prussian War. The election of the prince of Hohenzollern to the throne of Spain by the PEACE of VERSAILLES and Frankfurt on the Main (1871) the results of the war were:

- ① the destruction of the military power of France.

- ② the acquisition of a secure military boundary for Germany on the West
③ The political unity of the German nation ④ the acquisition by Germany of Alsace & Lorraine
Battles: Wörth; Spicheren; Colmar - Nancy; Vionville & Gravelotte & St Privat; Siege of Metz; Strasbourg, Sedan; Proclamation of Third French Republic (1870): Siege of Paris; Rome; Orléans; Le Mans; Capitulation of Paris
Leaders: Bismarck; De Bismarck; Bismarck; Admiral Sauter; Steinmetz; Frederick Charles (main); Frederick Wilhelm (Munster); Wilhelm I; von Moltke; Napoleon III